Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Wednesday 05 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Thursday 06 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Tuesday 04 Apr 2023 at 12:58 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Generally high but slightly lower for rainfall detail Wednesday.

Headline for Wednesday 05 Apr 2023: Wet and windy, improving through the afternoon.

Mountain weather hazards on Wednesday 05 Apr 2023

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain	Light rain	Light rain	Light rain	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy
Precipitation probability							
70%	80%	80%	70%	60%	30%	30%	30%

Forecast for Wednesday 05 Apr 2023

Weather: Low cloud and rain, heavy at times, across the region on Wednesday morning. Slowly improving from the west into the afternoon, where it will be drier and brighter, with perhaps the odd light shower. Rain clearing the east by around mid-afternoon. Still the odd shower possible into the evening but mostly dry with some clear spells.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20% during the morning, improving to 60% through the afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Widespread low cloud, base 500-700m, and moderate visibility in association with the rain. Scattered low cloud lingering during the afternoon.

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Forecast for Wednesday 05 Apr 2023

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	39/49 S	37/46 S	33/41 S	29/37 S	26/34 S	21/29 SW	18/24 SW	15/20 SW	14/20 SW
900	35/44 S	34/42 S	31/39 S	28/36 S	25/33 S	21/28 SW	17/23 SW	14/19 SW	13/19 SW
600	23/32 S	21/30 S	19/27 S	19/27 S	19/26 S	16/23 SW	13/19 SW	10/16 SW	9/15 SW
300	6/29 S	6/27 S	4/23 S	6/24 S	7/24 SW	7/21 SW	6/18 SW	4/15 SW	4/15 SW
Glen	15/33 S	14/31 S	11/27 S	12/25 S	11/23 S	9/19 SW	8/16 SW	6/14 SW	5/12 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	2/-5	3/-5	3/-4	4/-2	4/-2	3/-2	3/-2	2/-3	1/-4
900	3/-4	3/-4	3/-3	4/-1	5/-0	4/-1	4/-1	3/-2	2/-3
600	5/-0	5/0	5/1	6/2	7/3	6/2	6/2	5/2	4/1
300	7/5	7/5	7/6	8/6	8/6	8/7	8/6	7/6	6/4
Glen	9/6	10/6	10/7	10/7	10/8	11/9	10/8	9/8	8/7
Freezing Level*	2200m	2200m	2200m	1900m	1900m	1500m	1400m	1200m	1100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Improving conditions into the afternoon with winds reducing and rain clearing.

Forecast for Thursday 06 Apr 2023
Weather: A mix of sunny spells and scattered showers on Thursday, showers perhaps more frequent in the north into the evening.

Maximum wind: Generally light, westerly 10-15 mph gusting 20-25 mph for a time during the afternoon.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 70%

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered low cloud, 700-800m base, in association with showers, with temporary slight reductions in visibility. Otherwise good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 6 rising to plus 8-10 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2-4 Celsius, falling to zero.
Freezing level: 1200m falling to 800m through the day.

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